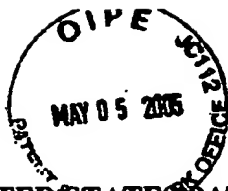


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In re Application of: Phyllis Liethem et al.

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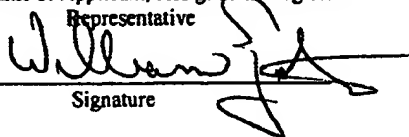
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Sir:

Applicants submit this Brief in reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed March 24, 2005.

This Brief is submitted in triplicate as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(a).

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a X continuation, divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/370,571, filed on January 18, 1995, by Phyllis Leithem et al. and currently entitled **COLD CAUSTIC EXTRACTION OF PULPS FOR ABSORBENT PRODUCTS, METHOD OF THEIR PREPARATION, AND PRODUCTS IMPROVED THEREBY.**

1. X Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor signed prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify to the best of my information and belief that the attached papers are a true copy of the latest inventor signed prior application Serial No. 08/370,571 as originally filed on January 18, 1995.
2. X The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application, adjusted for any claims added or cancelled by the **Preliminary Amendment** referenced in paragraph 11 below, as follows:

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11. X A Preliminary Amendment has been filed with this application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if this submission is not in the file prior to acting on this application.
12. X The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
William J. Spatz and Fred A. Keire of Curtis, Morris & Safford, P.C. .
- a. X The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. — Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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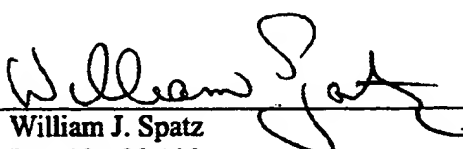
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16. X Any extension of time necessary to maintain the copendency of the prior application and to allow the timely filing of this application is hereby requested. Please charge the fee for the extension of time, if not otherwise paid, to Deposit Account No. 50-0297. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

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